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Re: Freedom of Information Request EPA-R10-2014-004810

Dear Mr. Clifford:

I am providing you with an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request on behalf of Phil North, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on March 20, 2014, in which you requested documents provided by EPA to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform involving communications from, to, or about Phil North.

This interim response is to inform you that responsive records have been uploaded and are available to you on your online account. Portions of some of the documents have been redacted because they are exempt from mandatory disclosure by virtue of 5 U.S.C. § 522(b)(5) or (6). Exemption 5 allows EPA to withhold inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency, while Exemption 6 requires EPA to withhold personal information that, if disclosed, would constitute a clear unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

We will follow up with future interim responses and a final response identifying any documents withheld. We expect to provide the next response to you within the next two weeks. Your rights to appeal the withholding of any information that you requested will be explained in our final response letter.

If you have any questions regarding this interim FOIA response, please contact Leah Rindner, Assistant Regional Counsel, at (206) 553-8694 or by email at rindner.leah@epa.gov. This is an EPA Region 10 interim response to FOIA request number EPA-R10-2014-004810.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. David Allnutt", is positioned above the printed name.

R. David Allnutt, Director
Office of Ecosystems, Tribal and Public Affairs